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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An arrangement for transmitting a page, the arrangement comprising:

an input to receive DTMF tones constituting a page from a source; logic on a converter to convert the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol; and an output to provide the SMPP protocol to a paging device.

- (Previously presented) The arrangement of claim 1 further comprising:

 a Short Message Service Center to receive the SMPP protocol and to form a Short

 Message Service (SMS) message.
- (Previously presented) The arrangement of claim 2 further comprising:
 a switching network element to receive the SMS message and to route the SMS message
 to the paging device.
- 4. (Previously presented) A method of sending a page to a paging device, the method comprising:

receiving DTMF tones constituting a page from a source;
converting the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol; and
providing the SMPP protocol to a Short Message Service Center.

(Previously presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising:
 receiving the DTMF tones from a Public Switched Telephone Network.

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- (Previously presented) The method of claim 5 further comprising:
 forming a Short Message Server (SMS) message from the SMPP protocol.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
 communicating the SMS message to the paging device.
- 8. (Previously presented) A method of sending a page to a paging device, the method comprising:
 - a first paging device providing paging information as DTMF tones;
 - a first network element converting the DTMF tones to SMPP protocol;
- a second network element converting the SMPP protocol to an SMS message comprising the paging information; and

providing the SMS message to a second paging device.

(Previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising:
 the first paging device providing the DTMF tones to a Public Switched Telephone
 Network (PSTN); and

the PSTN communicating the DTMF tones to the network element to convert to SMPP protocol.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

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the first paging device providing the DTMG tones to one of a Voice Mail System (VMS) and a Private Branch Exchange (PBX); and

the one of VMS and PBX communicating the DTMF tones to the network element to convert to SMPP protocol.